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Caltrans Accelerates Repairs on State Routes 62 and 247 in San Bernardino County Due to SB 1 Funds

*Pavement project will improve about 60 lane miles
providing a safer & smoother commute for motorists*

SAN BERNARDINO — Caltrans will continue work to replace and repair about 60 lane miles on State Routes 62 and 247 in San Bernardino County due to the funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“These roads bring 2.5 million annual visitors to Joshua Tree National Park,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “They are crucial arteries to Interstates 10 and 15, which link travel throughout Southern California and the rest of the nation.”



SR-62 and SR-247 also serve approximately 37,000 Morongo Basin residents, whose combined commutes equal 29,500 daily vehicles. More than 15 percent of the freight traffic traveling through the area has five or more axles, contributing to wear and tear on the roadway.

“This SB 1 funded project will rehabilitate nearly sixty miles of pavement,” said Caltrans District Director John Bulinski. “It will provide a smoother ride for the motorists traveling through the region.”

The \$3.7 million pavement repair project was awarded to Pavement Coatings Co. who began work the week of August 13. The project will replace concrete slabs and resurface the roads to increase ride quality and extend their lifecycle. Motorists will be advised of lane closures with advance warning signs and flagging Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The work on SR-62 is taking place from west of Iron Mountain Pump Plant Road to west of Rice Midland Road. Work on SR-247 is taking place from south of Midway Avenue to north of Haynes Road. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes and “Be Work Zone Alert.”

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The work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and other construction-related issues. More information and

updates on Inland Empire projects can be found at www.caltrans8.info where you may sign up for commuter alerts, or on Twitter via [@Caltrans8](https://twitter.com/Caltrans8).

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately \$1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.



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